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A Curiosity of Literature.

(From the Charleston Mercury, October 22.)
It is asserted that the book entitled "Prison Life of Jefferson Davis," and purporting to be the work of Dr. Craven, was written in nine days by the late Gen. C. G. Halpine.

The above paragraph is going the rounds of the press as an item of strange news. The book, our readers will remember, came out in New York soon after the release of Mr. Davis on bail from his imprisonment at Fort Monroe. It was the sensation of the day, and excited deep interest for the famous prisoner, whose story of life it assumed to give. While it stirred the hearts of the Southern people, it aroused the curiosity, removed the prejudices, and enlisted the sympathies of Northern men in behalf of one fallen from high estate, a weary, feeble captive, who yet challenged admiration for the quantity of his bearing and the accomplishments of his mind.

Our readers will be astonished to learn that the statement is true, and that this popular book, over which so much of feeling, indignation, pity interest, and admiration has been created and expended, is a work of imagination—a novel woven upon slender threads of fact. Soon after the admission of Mr. Davis to bail, Craven, the Surgeon of the post, went to New York, where he met his quondam messmate of the same staff, General Halpine. This literary friend congratulated him forthwith on this opportunity he had to immortalize himself in print and at the same time make money by a book on Jeff. Davis. The idea seemed new to Craven, and he said it was impracticable. Halpine said where were his notes. "Then," said Halpine, "give me whatever materials you have and I will write in your name, and we will share the profits." This was agreed to.

Craven furnished three letters of Mrs. Davis to him, and some notes written on the margin of a Herald by Mr. Davis, touching the points he desired Reverend Johnson to make in defending him for treason. This was all the authentic material supplied.

At the request of Gen. Halpine Craven also made out a list of officers of the post and their days for going on duty, and other little details of the post and garrison and of Mr. Davis. Halpine then called to see several Confederates in New York, and among others General Dick Taylor. He pumped them as to Mr. Davis, his views and opinions on public matters, also in regard to leading Southern men and Mr. Davis' relations and feelings towards them, &c.

A Philadelphia publishing house now advertised that it was soon to put forth a life of Davis, and Halpine saw the importance of anticipating this publication by his book. It was arranged in New York to get it out immediately. He agreed to furnish his publisher forty pages of foolscap manuscript daily. And sat down to write—and wrote forty pages daily for nine days, when the book was completed—the web of his fertile brain and accomplished mind.

The book was of great service to Mr. Davis, and General Halpine's share of the profits was \$7,000, from which he communicated to us the above facts from his own graphic and eloquent lips.

This is one of the curiosities of literature; and illustrates the talents of the man who could so plausibly manufacture out of whole cloth the "Prison Life of Jefferson Davis," with his private views and opinions concerning men and things.

[We publish the above as itself a curiosity. We believe that Dr. Craven furnished much more than is above stated of the materials of the book—and that much of it is a correct account of the prison life and of the opinions of Mr. Davis. In short, that it is in general, authentic and reliable.]

THE NORTHERN NECK OF VIRGINIA.—We gave yesterday an aggregate of the numerous land sales that have been made in the vicinity of Warrenton, Fauquier county, and remarked that in almost every portion of Virginia the same success has attended the efforts of our various enterprising land agencies. There is one portion of Virginia known as the Northern Neck, comprising some five of our ancient counties that bear the most aristocratic of the old English names. The first leads with the royal title of King George, and then follow Westmoreland, Richmond, Northumberland and Lancaster. These counties lie between the Potomac and Rappahannock rivers, and in the earlier periods of our history were distinguished for their numerous eminent and reformed families, for their elegant society and their munificent hospitality. The present generation of the Northern Neck of Virginia retains the social characteristics of their ancestors, and even in the poverty and disorganization wrought by the war, that highly favored region abounds in bright remains of former grandeur and inspiring memorials of better times.

These counties, cut off in a great measure from the rest of the world have formed a sort of empire of their own. The spirit of change that has passed over other portions of Virginia did not reach them. They have retained to a greater degree, perhaps, than any other portion of our people, the characteristic habits, manners and traditions of the Old Dominion. There were many large landholders and slave owners among them who kept up the free and generous living of their fathers, exhibiting, indeed, so profuse a hospitality within, however, a circle composed of persons of their own degree, that life in the Northern Neck seemed to be one continued feast. The war, so destructive everywhere in the South, invaded even that charming region, so long held sacred to hospitality, and its large land owners and slaveholders were reduced to poverty. Their lands were left, but they had no laborers to work them. Many of the negroes here left their homes, and sought their fortunes in Washington and Alexandria and Baltimore. Many others have quit farm labor to live by fishing, the opportunities for which are very great. We perceive, and with much pleasure, that

our friends of the Northern Neck, who have hitherto lived in an elegant seclusion, are beginning to settle by the tidal wave of immigration and settlement that has broken upon Virginia. —Rich. Whig.

RAILROAD LINES.

ALEX. LOUDON AND HAMPSHIRE R. R.

NEW ARRANGEMENT.
BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 1863.
From Alexandria daily, except Sunday, at 8 a. m. and 4 p. m. Leave Leesburg for Alexandria at 7:00 a. m. and 12:15 p. m. Connecting at Leesburg with Peacock's Line of First-class Coaches, which leave Leesburg on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, for Hamilton, Purcellville, Snicker'sville, Berryville, Winchester and Capon Springs; returning leaving Winchester on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, on the arrival of the railroad train from Alexandria, and arriving at Leesburg on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, at 7 a. m., and arriving at Leesburg at 12 m., and (per railroad) arriving at Alexandria at 3 p. m., in ample time for Washington and Baltimore the same day. From and after June 3, the coaches will run daily from Winchester to Capon Springs.

FARE:
From Alexandria to Leesburg.....\$2.00
Capon Springs.....\$2.25
Hamilton.....2.75
Purcellville.....3.00
Berryville.....4.50
Winchester.....5.00
Goods per New York, Philadelphia and Baltimore steam lines, and Adams' Express, to care of K. H. Havenner, Freight Agent, at Alexandria, will be forwarded as far as Leesburg free of charge, other than regular tariff rates. Commutation Passenger Tickets between Alexandria and Leesburg and intermediate Stations at cheap rates.

Round trip tickets good only for day of issue between Alexandria and Leesburg, and between those places and intermediate points, are issued at reduced rates.

WASHINGTON BLYTHE.

General Superintendent.

ON AND AFTER MONDAY, AUGUST 24, 1863.

On and after Monday, August 24, 1863, one daily passenger train will run between WASHINGTON and ALEXANDRIA, and between ALEXANDRIA and RICHMOND and COVINGTON; at LYNCBURG for WEST and SOUTHWEST; and at WASHINGTON for the NORTH and NORTHWEST. Through tickets and baggage checked to all points en route.

Leave Washington daily at 5:50 a. m., and Alexandria at 7:00 a. m., arriving at Lynchburg at 4:45 p. m.

Leave Lynchburg at 9:00 a. m., arrive at Alexandria at 6:45 p. m., and at Washington at 6:30 p. m.

Passengers for points on Manassas line, leave Alexandria daily, Sunday excepted, at 7:00 a. m.; arrive at Strasburg at 12:30 p. m., and at Mount Jackson, the present western terminus, at 10:15 a. m. Leave Alexandria at 5:45 p. m., connecting at Washington with evening trains North and West.

J. M. BROADBENT, General Ticket Agent.

WASHINGTON, ALEX. & GEORGETOWN R. R.

ON AND AFTER WEDNESDAY, March 11th, 1863, and until further notice, Local Passenger trains will run between WASHINGTON and ALEXANDRIA, and between ALEXANDRIA and GEORGETOWN, as follows:

Leave ALEXANDRIA, from the corner of St. Asaph and King sts., at 6:00, 8:00 and 10:00 a. m., and 1:00, 3:00 and 5:20 p. m.

Leave WASHINGTON, from Maryland Avenue Depot, at 7:00, 9:00 and 11:40 a. m., and 2:00, 4:20, 5:30 and 7:30 p. m.

THROUGH MAIL TRAINS.

Leave WASHINGTON, from Maryland Avenue Depot, at 6:05 a. m.

Leave ALEXANDRIA, from the corner of Duke and Henry streets at 5:50 p. m.

Leave WASHINGTON, from Gen. Campbell Avenue Depot, at 6:05 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

O. A. STEVENS, Gen. Mgr.

W. J. PHELPS, Gen. Manager.

THE RICHMOND, FREDERICKSBURG AND POTOMAC ROUTE.

THE OLD FAVORITE MAIL ROUTE VIA AQUILA CREEK.

THE SHORTEST AND BEST ROUTE TO RICHMOND AND THE SOUTH.

FAST AND COMFORTABLE STEAMERS leave Washington city twice daily, Sunday p. m. excepted, from the wharf foot of 7th street, at 7:00 a. m., and 7:00 p. m., stopping at Alexandria each way, and connecting at Aquila Creek with the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad, from which elegant, supplied with elegant sleeping chairs on all its trains. Through tickets and baggage checks to all points South.

Boats stop at Alexandria, going and returning.

Superintendent of Transportation.

J. B. GENTRY, Gen'l. Ticket Agent, my 13-14

JOHN A. FIELD.

(Successor to Wm. Buckingham.)

Manufacturer and Dealer in

CIGARS, TOBACCO, SNUFF, PIPES, &c.,

No. 71, King street,

Give me a call. oct 6-14

THOMAS SINCLAIR.

CARPENTER AND JOINER.

No. 15, SOUTH WATER STREET.

(Near the Bank of the Old Dominion.)

Is prepared to execute, with dispatch, and at the most reasonable terms, all work in his line, and satisfaction warranted.

He solicits work from the adjacent county, as he is prepared to contract for building, or to do any kind of repairing.

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GRAPE VINES, &c.

5000 Concord Grape Vines, two year old.

5000 Strawberry Plants, of choice varieties.

5000 Philadelphia Raspberries.

5000 Asparagus Roots.

2000 Cabbage Plants of the choicest variety, for sale at very low prices, if early application is made.

COOK & KELLEY, oct 21

NEW FALL GOODS.

No. 132, KING STREET.

Is now in receipt of a large assortment of NEW FALL GOODS.

Also, a large stock of LADIES' AND CHILDREN'S FURS. Please call and examine. I. SCHWARTZ, oct 6-1m

H. B. WHITTINGTON.

WITH CHARLES W. GREEN, FANCY, DRY GOODS AND NOTIONS.

Would respectfully solicit a call from his friends. feb 26

"CRYSTALLIZED OILS."

—We are prepared to furnish our friends with this superior burning fluid; also, the burners, wicks and chimneys and regulating screws for the changing of lamps.

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BROOKES & TAYLOR, 106, Prince st.

TRANSPORTATION LINES.

NEW YORK, ALEXANDRIA, WASHINGTON AND GEORGETOWN STEAMSHIP LINE.

The line outside steamers, E. C. KNIGHT, and JOHN GIBSON.

will leave New York EVERY SATURDAY for this port, and returning will leave Alexandria EVERY FRIDAY, at 12 o'clock, taking freight for Norfolk, Va.

For freight or passage apply to HOOD, WEDDERBURN & CO., Agents, No. 2, Prince street.

Agents in New York, PHILLIPS & BROWN, 62, south street, Pier No. 19, FOR BALTIMORE.

The passenger and freighting steamer LUMBA, Capt. JAMES HARPER, having surpassed accommodations, leaves Baltimore every SATURDAY, at 4 o'clock, p. m., for Washington, Alexandria, and Georgetown, stopping at all her former landings.

Returning, will leave Alexandria every WEDNESDAY MORNING, at 7 o'clock.

The freighting steamer THOS. E. CHAILL, Capt. WM. MATTHEW, will leave Baltimore on TUESDAY AFTERNOON, touching at Conover, Lodge Wharf, and Chapel Point and Currier, returning will leave Alexandria on FRIDAY MORNING, at 10 o'clock.

All freight must be prepaid.

For freight and passage apply to J. H. H. Agent.

NEW YORK, WASHINGTON AND ALEXANDRIA EXPRESS LINE STEAMERS.

(OLD LINE.)

This line will be regularly kept up during the winter months, by good and substantial OUTSIDE STEAMERS, leaving once a week, from pier 15, E. River, New York, and pier 11, Alexandria, connecting at New York with the Metropolitan Steamship Line to Boston, and with the Orange & Alexandria Railroad, at Alexandria.

Bills of Lading given through to Boston direct.

Freight taken at lowest rates, and forwarded to all parts of the United States free of commissions.

For freight apply to M. ELDRIDGE & CO., No. 4, South Wharves, Alexandria; JAMES HAND, 104, Wall street, New York; JOHN B. DAVIDSON, 63, Water st., Georgetown, D. C.

NEW EXPRESS LINE BETWEEN PHILADELPHIA AND ALEXANDRIA, GEORGETOWN AND WASHINGTON.

(VIA CANAL.)

Good substantial and well adapted FREIGHT STEAMERS, comprising this new line, which will sail on WEDNESDAY and SATURDAY of each week from Philadelphia, and TUESDAY and THURSDAY from Alexandria, at 12 m.

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WILLIAM P. OLYDE, 114, North Wharves, Philadelphia.

RIVER ROUTE.

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On and after TUESDAY next, September 1, the Wawaset will make two trips a week, on TUESDAYS and FRIDAYS, for CURRIEMAN and CONE RIVER, touching at her usual intermediate landings.

On Tuesday her trip is to Currieman; on Friday to Cone River, leaving Washington at 6 a. m. and Alexandria at 10 o'clock a. m.

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POTOMAC FERRY CO.

OYSTER PACKERS.

D. SYMPHAX & CO'S.

OYSTER PACKING HOUSE, (D. SYMPHAX, formerly of Conway & Sympfax.)

S. E. COR. PRINCE & ST. ASAPH STS., ALEXANDRIA, VA.

Town and country customers can be supplied with the finest OYSTERS in the market. Oysters sent by railroad or express to any part of the country. Orders solicited and promptly attended to.

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EDWARD P. VALENTINE.

Wholesale and Retail Dealer in OYSTERS.

No. 34, Prince street, ALEXANDRIA, VA.

Restaurants and Families supplied, and Oysters carried and sent to any part of the country on the lowest cash terms.

None but good Oysters kept, and all who favor me with their custom may rest assured that they will be furnished with the best the market affords.

oct 7-1m

COGSWELL & JACKSON.

OYSTER PACKERS & DEALERS.

AND FURNISHERS OF FRIED, STEWED & ROASTED OYSTERS.

No. 12, North St. Asaph street, (Near Washington, ALEX. & GEORGE R.R. Depot) ALEXANDRIA, VA.

We respectfully solicit the custom of our friends and the general public, as we are determined to furnish Oysters in every quantity, quality and style.

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BOOTS AND SHOES.

FALL AND WINTER TRADE.

1863.

74 KING STREET, ALEXANDRIA, VA.

The subscriber has now on hand and can afford to sell at prices to suit the times one of the largest and best assorted stocks of fine goods for Gentlemen, Ladies, Misses and Children, and heavy work suitable for farmers, ever before offered for sale in this market. His long experience in the trade has enabled him to procure a stock manufactured from the best material and in the most durable and stylish manner, and on the most favorable terms, and with such advantages he can afford to sell as cheap as the cheapest. All in want will do well to call at 74, King street, before purchasing. His stock comprises in part—

Men's Kip Boots, suitable for farmers.

Men's Kip Double-sole Pegged and Stitched Boots, both good.

Boys' and Youth's Calf and Kip Double-sole Boots.

Ladies', Misses' and Children's Calf, Goat, Morocco, Glove Kid, Turkish Morocco and Lasting Boots of every style and description.

Men's, Ladies', Misses' and Children's Gum Shoes.

Also, a good stock of goods suitable for country merchants, to which we invite their attention.

sep 14-3m

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

All persons holding claims against the estate of Lytleton Taylor (decd.) will present them properly certified for settlement to the undersigned, and all who owe said estate, are requested to come forward and pay.

DOUGLASS TYLER, Adm'r.

Leesburg, Va., Oct. 23-63

DOOR MATS AT COST.

—We have on hand an assortment of Door Mats, which we wish to close out, and will dispose of same at prime cost. Persons in want will do well to call and examine.

AVERY & DAVIDSON, 226, King st., cor. Alfred.

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SYRUP—A choice article of Amber Syrup.

received to-day and for sale by J. C. MILBURN.

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LAND AGENTS.

WM. H. BECK & CO.,

REAL ESTATE AGENTS.

Have for sale CITY PROPERTY.

OF ALL DESCRIPTIONS, BRICK AND FRAME HOUSES.

Prices from \$300 to \$10,000.

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WHARF PROPERTY.

MARKET GARDENS, and SUBURBAN RESIDENCES.

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Call and get a circular at their office, 97, King street, (Jameston & Bro's. Ins. office,) or address, ROBERT F. KNOX, Va. Real Estate Agency, Box 259, ALEXANDRIA, Va. sep 24-14

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OFFICES—Gainesville Depot, Manassas Gap Railroad, and Buckland, Prince William county, Va.

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Parties desiring to locate in this State, will do well to examine the lands we offer before purchasing elsewhere.

Will attend the depot at Gainesville, and at Buckland daily, and be prepared to take care of and show parties the property we offer.

This immediate vicinity offers great inducements in the way of rail and turnpike roads to the market of Alexandria, Georgetown and Washington, distant 35 to 40 miles, and from 5 to 8 miles from Warrenton, on the Orange and Alexandria R. R., the county seat of Fauquier.

No section of the State possesses greater advantages for grazing, fruit culture and general agriculture than this section.

Flour and grist mills are numerous. At Buckland, 3 miles from Gainesville, a large woolen factory is in successful operation, affording a home market for wool and other products. The water and health of this section is unsurpassed.

We will be glad to furnish information to all parties desiring it, with full descriptions of the lands. Terms of sale will be liberal. Address, BALL & TYLER, P. O. Gainesville Depot, Prince William co., Va.

References—R. W. Downman, esq., Washington, D. C.; Gen. Daniel Ruggles, U. S. Army, United States Company, New York; M. B. Washington, esq., Warrenton, Va. ap 3

GROCERIES.

J. F. LARKIN, DEALER IN GROCERIES AND LIQUORS.

No. 16, N. Royal street, Has received a lot of Old Cider, Monongahela, Old Rye and other WHISKIES, which he will sell at the lowest market price, in lots to suit purchasers, from one pint to ten barrels.

Also, RUM, GIN and IMPORTED PORT WINE, Chocolate, Cocoa, Raisins and Figs. Sells of various kinds, genuine Castile soap.

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TO THE PUBLIC.

Having bought the stock of Messrs. Loomis & Facer, No. 179 King Street, I am now prepared to furnish to my friends and the public in general, as fine a selection of GROCERIES as can be found in any house in the city.

Among our stock may be found the following articles which have been selected with the greatest care.

In Sugars, we have Crushed, Granulated, Pulverized, A. B., and Extra C, and a fine lot of Cuba and Porto Rico Sugars.

A very Superior Article of Gunpowder, Japan, Imperial and Oolong Teas.

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A new article of Family and Extra Flour, MOLASSES.

New Orleans Molasses and Golden and Honey Syrup.

Prime Factory Cheese, 25 Boxes Sterilized, Babbitt's, Electric and Dobbin's Soap.

Sugar Cured Hams, Breast Piece, Shoulders and Middle Cuts, also a fine lot of Country Cured Hams and Middle Cuts.

A choice article of Lard.

COFFEE.

A fine assortment of Old Government Java, Laguayra and Rio Coffee.

Pure Ground and White Spice.

Italian Macaroni, Baker's Chocolate, Cocoa and Broma.